

## REMARKS

The undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview.

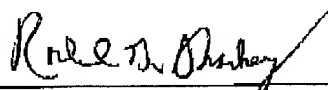
Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 were pending in the subject application. As set forth above, claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended, and claim 2 cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended in order to expedite the allowance of certain preferred embodiments of the present invention. More specifically, the language of claim 2 has been added to claim 1, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended for consistency with the amendment of claim 1 and the cancellation of claim 2. Claim 1 has been further amended to enhance the clarity of the claimed invention. More specifically, the term "partially" has been added prior to "denaturing". Support for the language is found, for example, at page 7, lines 8-10, of the subject application. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Therefore, claims 1, 3 and 5-14 are now pending in the subject application.

In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If there is any further matter requiring attention prior to allowance of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney (at 206-622-4900) to resolve the matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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